

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**WAYNE A.G. JAMES,  
Defendant.**

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\* **NO. 15-CR-42-CVG-RM**

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**JOINT NOTICE OF STATUS OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to this Court's February 10, 2017 Order, Dkt. No. 133, the parties, by undersigned counsel, provide the Court with an update on the status of defendant Wayne James's appeal.

The defendant filed a notice of appeal on February 9, 2017. Dkt. No. 128. On February 22, 2017, the Government filed a motion to expedite the appeal. On February 27, 2017, the Third Circuit granted the motion and imposed the briefing schedule proposed by the Government. Accordingly, the defendant's opening brief is due on March 20, 2017, the Government's response is due on April 3, 2017, and the defendant's reply is due on April 10, 2017. The court of appeals set the case for disposition the week of May 1, 2017, in the Virgin Islands.

DATED: March 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that on this 1st day of March, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing **Joint Notice of Status of Appeal** with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the following:

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